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1. AT REQUEST OF SOVIETS, INFORMAL MEETING OF WORKING GROUP ON TRAVEL WAS CONVENED ON SHORT NOTICE BY DANES MAY 13. US, DENMARK, BELGIUM, AUSTRIA, USSR, GDR AND POLAND WERE REPRESENTED. IN AN UNPRECEDENTED STEP, SOVIET HEAD OF DEL KOVALEV ATTENDED MEETING, APPARENTLY TO REINFORCE SOVIET CLAIM THAT THEY WERE ANXIOUS FOR PROGRESS AND WILLING TO DEAL SERIOUSLY WITH TRAVEL TEXT.

2. SOVIETS PRESENTED FOLLOWING ORAL TEXT IN ENGLISH OF FIRST TWO PARAGRAPHS AT THE END OF THE FIRST PARAGRAPH, WHICH WAS NOT DISCUSSED):
BEGIN TEXT:

--THE PARTICIPATING STATES INTEND TO CONTRIBUTE TO FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AND FACILITATING OF THE POSSIBILITIES FOR TRAVEL FOR PERSONAL OR PROFESSIONAL REASONS...

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--SIMPLIFY GRADUALLY AND APPLY IN A FLEXIBLE MANNER
THE FORMALITIES FOR THE PROCESSING OF DOCUMENTS
FOR ENTRY AND EXIT, END TEXT

3. FOR COMPARISON PURPOSES, TEXT OF
THESE PARAGRAPHS AS SET FORTH IN THE WESTERN DRAFT
GLOBAL PROPOSAL IS AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT:
THE PARTICIPATING STATES INTEND TO FACILITATE
WIDER TRAVEL BY THEIR CITIZENS FOR PERSONAL OR
PROFESSIONAL REASONS AND TO THIS END THEY INTEND
IN PARTICULAR:

--GRADUALLY TO SIMPLIFY AND TO ADMINISTER FLEXIBLY THE
PROCEDURES FOR EXIT AND ENTRY, END TEXT

4. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE PARA ONE OF THE SOVIET
TEXT INCORPORATES AN ELEMENT OF PROGRESSION OR
IMPROVEMENT CONCERNING TRAVEL WHICH REFLECTS A
LIMITED MOVE TOWARD THE KEY WESTERN CONCEPT OF "WIDER
TRAVEL." THE WESTERN DELS AT THE MEETING AGREED
TO REFLECT ON THE PROPOSAL, BUT RESISTED STRONG
SOVIET ATTEMPTS TO GAIN AN INITIAL REACTION TO IT,
EXPLAINING IT WAS NECESSARY TO CONSULT AMONG THE
ALLIES FIRST. NATO ALLIES CONSIDER THAT THE TRAVEL TEXT IN THE
GLOBAL WESTERN INITIATIVE ON HUMAN CONTACTS AND
INFORMATION WILL CONSTITUTE A RESPONSE TO THE
SOVIET PROPOSAL. DALE

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